

## Philosophy Resource Guide

### Starting Your Research – Dictionaries & Encyclopedias

Dictionaries and encyclopedias are excellent reference tools for locating an overview, background information, concepts and keywords on a subject. All of the dictionaries and encyclopedias listed below are located in the reference collection on the first floor of the Library. (by the Reference Desk.)

*Cambridge Dictionary of Philosophy*. Robert Audi, editor. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1995. (Call number: Ref. B41.C35 1995) Use this dictionary to locate definitions of philosophical terms and biographical information about major philosophers and thinkers.

*Dictionary of Asian Philosophies*. St. Elmo Nauman, Jr. New York : Philosophical Library, c1978. (Call number: Ref. B5005.N38) Use this dictionary to locate information on the concepts, history, writings and philosophers of the East.

*Dictionary of Existentialism*. Haim Gordon, editor. Westport, Conn.: Greenwood Press, 1999. (Call number: Ref B819. D455 1999) A good source for understanding concepts of existentialism. Entries cover the thinkers, writers, terms and ideas linked to existentialism and contain lists of primary works and bibliographies for further readings.

*Encyclopedia of Empiricism*. Don Garrett and Edward Barbanell, editors. Westport, Conn.: Greenwood, 1997. (Call number: Ref B816.E53 1997) Contains information about the philosophers, thinkers and key concepts connected to the philosophical movement of the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries centered on the “importance of experience and processes grounded in experience.” Entries include list of Primary Works and bibliographies for further readings.

*Encyclopedia of Ethics*. Lawrence and Charlotte B. Becker, editors. New York: Garland Pub., 1992. (Call no. Ref. BJ63.E45 1992) A two volume encyclopedia covering topics such as ethical theory, moral problems, and political, social and legal theory. Includes biographical information on philosophers connected to the history of ethics. Contains bibliographies.

*The Encyclopedia of Philosophy*. 8 vols. Paul Edwards, editor-in-chief. New York: Macmillan, 1972. (Call number. Ref. B41.E5 1972 v. 1-8) An eight volume, major philosophical reference work aimed to cover philosophy and related disciplines. Articles deal with ancient, medieval and modern philosophy. Also contains information about individual philosophers. This work is supplemented by *Encyclopedia of Philosophy. Supplement*. Donald M. Borchert, editor. New York: Simon & Schuster Macmillan, 1996. (Ref. B41.E5 1972 Suppl. 1996)

*The Oxford Companion to Philosophy*. Ted Honderich, editor. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1995. (Call Number. Ref. B 51.O94 1995) Use this resource to find information on the key concepts and major branches of philosophy. Also contains biographical articles about philosophers. Some entries contain bibliographies.

*World Philosophy: Essay-Reviews of 225 Major Works*. Frank N. Magill, editor. Englewood Cliffs, N.J.: Salem Press, 1982. (Ref. B21.W6 1982) Contains scholarly examinations or “essay-reviews” of the major works in world philosophy from the sixth century B.C. to the twentieth century. The essay-reviews have Additional Recommended Readings or sources for further study. Entries arranged chronologically.

### Starting Your Research – “Ready Reference” Databases and Websites

Search these online dictionaries and encyclopedias online to locate overviews, background information, concepts and keywords.

**Internet Encyclopedia of Philosophy:** (<http://www.iep.utm.edu/>)

A peer reviewed, online encyclopedia of Philosophy. Contains scholarly information on key topics and philosophers in all areas of Philosophy. Updated regularly.

### **Routledge Encyclopedia of Philosophy (LIBRARY DATABASE)**

The online version of a ten volume encyclopedia covering world philosophy. International in scope, this online encyclopedia contains in-depth articles with lengthy references and for further readings lists. Articles, bibliographies and links are updated regularly. Go to <http://www.salemstate.edu/library> > **Databases > Reference Tools.**

### **Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy: (<http://plato.stanford.edu/>)**

An online philosophy encyclopedia created and maintained by Stanford University.

### **xreferplus unlimited: Philosophy and Psychology (LIBRARY DATABASE)**

A great “ready reference” source that contains over 169 reference books, including subject-specific reference works covering Philosophy. To limit your searches to Philosophy reference works, click on Advanced Search and select Philosophy & Psychology. Go to <http://www.salemstate.edu/library> > **Databases > Reference Tools.**

## **Finding Biographical Information**

Use these databases and reference books to locate biographical information on major philosophers and thinkers. Also, try some of the print reference works listed under *Starting Your Research – Dictionaries and Encyclopedias.*

### **Biography Resource Center (LIBRARY DATABASE)**

Search this database to locate full-text biographical articles on philosophers and thinkers. Articles contain biographical essays and further readings lists. To search, go to: <http://www.salemstate.edu/library> > **Databases > Reference Tools.**

*Dictionary of Modern American Philosophers.* 4 vols. John R. Shook, editor. Bristol: Thoemmes Continuum, 2005. (Call number: Ref B851.B53 2005) Use this resource to find information on the philosophers and intellectuals who have made significant contributions to the philosophical thought of the United States and Canada from 1860 to the present. Entries contain biographical information, summary of philosophical contributions, bibliographies and “Further Reading” lists. *This reference book is located in the reference collection on the first floor of the Library.*

*Medieval Philosophers.* Jeremiah Hackett, editor. Detroit: Gale Research, 1992. (Call Number: Ref. PS 128.D5 v.115) Use this reference book to find biographical information on the philosophers and thinkers from the Jewish, Christian and Islamic traditions from the period 345 to 1490. Entries trace the development of the philosopher’s cannon and career and contain Bibliographies, Biographies and References for further readings. *This book is Vol. 115 of the biographical series, Dictionary of Literary Biography and is located on the first floor of the Library.*

## **Finding Books in the Library**

### **To find books on your topic:**

- Go to [www.salemstate.edu/library](http://www.salemstate.edu/library) > **SSC Library Catalog.**

Start with a **Basic Keyword** search, and then click on the subject headings in the catalog record to find more books. Once you find a call number, go to the shelf and browse for relevant sources.

- Call numbers for locating Philosophy books in our circulating and reference collections are:  
**B** (Gen. Works, History & Systems, Ancient and Modern)  
**BC** (Logic)  
**BD** (Speculative Philosophy)  
**BH** (Aesthetics)  
**BJ** (Ethics)

## Finding Magazines and Journals in the Library

### **To find a magazine or journal in the library:**

- Go to [www.salemstate.edu/library](http://www.salemstate.edu/library) > **Periodicals Directory**.
- Enter the title of the magazine or journal (not the title of the article) in the **Find** search box in the right hand corner of your computer screen.
- Click on the database link to view articles online. Click on **Print** to see if we have the magazine or journal in print in the library.

## Finding Articles – Library Databases

Search these databases to locate articles on your topic. Go to [www.salemstate.edu/library](http://www.salemstate.edu/library) > **Databases**.

### **Academic Search Premiere**

Indexes magazines and journals across all subjects, including Philosophy and related fields. Contains citations and some full-text articles from peer-reviewed sources such as *Inquiry*, *Philosophical Quarterly*, and more. (note: there is a 12 month delay for full-text articles)

### **Arts and Humanities Search**

Indexes more than 1,300 arts and humanities journals. Use this database to find citations to articles, editorials, and reviews published from 1980 to the present. In the Advanced Search mode, you can limit your searches to publications owned by Salem State College Library.

### **Expanded Academic ASAP**

Indexes scholarly journals, news magazines, and newspapers on a wide variety of subjects. Contains some peer reviewed Philosophy journals and magazines.

### **Philosopher's Index**

Use this database to find scholarly articles from journals and books about all areas of Philosophy. This database indexes "over 550 journals from over 40 countries" and coverage is from 1940 to the present.

### **ProjectMUSE**

This database provides "online access to over 300 high quality humanities, arts, and social sciences journals from 60 scholarly publishers." Contains Philosophy academic journals.

### **Religion and Philosophy Index**

Contains nearly 300 full-text journals, including nearly 250 scholarly titles. Covers topics such as political philosophy, philosophy of language, moral philosophy and the history of philosophy.

### **JSTOR**

An online archive of scholarly journals across all disciplines, including over twenty Philosophy titles. Use this database to find full-text articles from academic journals like, *Journal of Philosophy* (1921-2000), *Philosophical Review* (1892-2002), *Philosophical Quarterly* (1950-2000) and more.

## Need More Assistance?

For further assistance contact Anne Woodrum, Humanities Librarian, [anne.woodrum@salemstate.edu](mailto:anne.woodrum@salemstate.edu) (978-542-6811). Or, visit the Reference Desk on the first floor of the Library.